COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN EXAMINATION BY THE PUBLIC

SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE

APPLICATION OF THE FUEL

ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE OF BIG SANDY

RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

CORPORATION FROM NOVEMBER 1,

1981, TO APRIL 30, 1982

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CASE NO. 8061-C

ORDER

Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:056, Section 1(11), the Commission issued an Order on April 28, 1982, requiring Big Sandy Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation ("Big Sandy") to notify its customers of a hearing to be held on July 15, 1982. Big Sandy was not required to appear at the scheduled hearing unless an appearance was requested by the Attorney General's Division of Consumer Protection or other interested parties, or by the Commission on its own motion. Following proper notice, no party of record requested Big Sandy to appear at the hearing scheduled for July 15, 1982.

Big Sandy filed an affidavit stating its compliance with the Fuel Adjustment Clause. Big Sandy has also filed its monthly fuel charges for the 6-month period under review.

After reviewing Big Sandy's monthly Fuel Adjustment Clause ("FAC") filings, the Commission found various filing errors. These filing errors resulted in an understatement of Big Sandy's recoverable fuel costs of \$7,557.44. The Commission is of the opinion that Big Sandy should adjust its next monthly FAC filing by \$7,557.44.

The Commission is of the opinion that a procedure should be established for setting dates for future Fuel Adjustment Clause hearings to improve the planning process for all parties. Therefore, the Commission concludes that future Fuel Adjustment Clause hearings should be held on the third Thursday of the third month following the end of the period under review. Thus, since the periods under review end in April and October, hearings will be held in July and January.

The Commission, after examining the evidence of record and being advised, finds that:

- 1. With the exception of filing errors discussed herein, Big Sandy has complied in all material respects with the requirements of 807 KAR 5:056.
- 2. Big Sandy should adjust its next monthly FAC filing by \$7,557.44 to correct previous filing errors using a separate line item as shown in Appendix A.
- 3. The date of the 2-year review hearing should be fixed at the conclusion of this proceeding. 807 KAR 5:056, Section 1(12).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Big Sandy shall adjust its next monthly FAC filing by \$7,557.44 using a separate line item as shown in Appendix A.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the next Fuel Adjustment Clause hearing in Case No. 8594, for the purpose of examining the application of the Fuel Adjustment Clause from November 1, 1980, to October 31, 1982, be and it hereby is set for January 20, 1983, at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, at the Commission's offices in Frankfort, Kentucky, and Big Sandy shall give proper notice to its customers of the date, time, place and purpose of the hearing.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 23rd day of September, 19d2.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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